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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure:
**G.M. 627, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HOWARD LAU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. Howard Lau to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board) as a structural engineer member from O'ahu.

Mr. Lau has been licensed as a structural engineer since July 13, 1978, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. During the course of his career, he has served in various leadership capacities for structural and civil engineering associations at both the local and national level. Mr. Lau has also shared his expertise to keep the community safe by volunteering with the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund Advisory Board,

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Hurricane Advisory Committee to Hawaii State Civil Defense, and Hurricane Shelter Standards Advisory Committee to Hawaii State Civil Defense.

In addition, Mr. Lau has served on national committees that have helped prepare and grade exam problems, considered the cross-state reciprocity of structural engineering, and endorsed the use of the NCEES 16-hour exam for the licensure of structural engineers. This experience will be invaluable to the Board in determining applicants' qualifications for licensure.

The Department believes that Mr. Lau's desire to serve on the Board, many years of professional experience and expertise, and commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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